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 For : NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE sigM GENE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Attn.: Box Missing Parts**  
Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the notice to file missing parts,  
please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please enter the attached Sequence Listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.182.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination  
of this application.

The Sequence Listing is fully supported by the German Priority Document Application  
No. 101 36 984.4, filed July 28, 2001 which is incorporated by the instant specification in its